

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image recording/reproducing method for recording image information on a disk-shaped recording medium and for reproducing said image information thus recorded, said method for recording said image information comprising the steps of:

a) performing at least one of substep of switching a verify mode when said image information is recorded on said recording medium, substep of setting a retry number at zero, and substep of switching an automatic defect exchange function;

b) designating in advance a recording region of a predetermined size for use in recording said image information on said recording medium; and

c) recording said image information on a predetermined data size unit basis on said designated recording region.

2. The image recording/reproducing method of claim 1, wherein said predetermined data size is equal to a data size which is treated in an error correction processing performed when said image information is read from said recording medium.

3. The image recording/reproducing method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

d) reading out said image information from said recording medium; and

e) performing to prevent the image information with a read error being read again when

said image information is read out of said recording medium.

4. The image recording/reproducing method of claim 1, wherein said step c) performing to prevent an error correction when said image information is recorded on said recording medium, and

said method for reproducing said image information further includes the step of performing said error correction when said image information is reproduced from said recording medium.

5. The image recording/reproducing method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

d) reproducing said image information from said recording medium; and

g) when a read error occurs during reading of image information from said recording medium, reproducing an image information having been read before said image information with a read error being read.

6. An image recording/reproducing apparatus for recording image information on a recording medium and for reproducing said image information thus recorded, said apparatus comprising:

an input device for inputting said image information;

a recording/reproducing unit coupled with said input device, for recording said image information on said recording medium, and for reproducing said

image information thus recorded; and

a recording/reproducing control unit for controlling operation of said recording/reproducing unit,

wherein

said recording/reproducing control unit including a first control unit, a second control unit and a third control unit,

said first control unit having at least one of means for switching a verify mode of said recording/reproducing unit when said image information is recorded on said recording medium, means for setting a retry number of said recording/reproducing unit at zero, and means for switching an automatic defect exchange function of said recording/reproducing unit;

said second control unit being operable to designate in advance a recording region of a predetermined size for use in recording said image information on said recording medium; and

said third control unit being so controlled that a data size of said recording medium for use in writing or reading by said recording/reproducing unit is equal to a data size which an error correction is performed when said image information is read from said recording medium.

7. The image recording/reproducing apparatus of claim 6, wherein said recording/reproducing control unit further includes

a fourth control unit for preventing the image information with a read error when said image information is read out of said recording medium.

8. The image recording/reproducing apparatus of claim 6, wherein said recording/reproducing control unit further includes

a fifth control unit for performing to prevent an error correction when said recording/reproducing unit records said image information on said recording medium, and for performing said error correction when said image information is reproduced said recording medium.

9. The image recording/reproducing apparatus of claim 7, wherein said fourth control unit is operable, when a read error occurs upon reading of image information from said recording medium, to play back image information having been read before said image information with said read error.

10. The image recording/reproducing apparatus of claim 6, wherein said recording medium is a digital versatile disk random access memory (DVD-RAM).

11. The image recording/reproducing apparatus of claim 6, wherein said reproducing medium is a removable disk.